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## **CAP COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 27, 2017 | 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.; Kennedy Union 331**

**Present:** Brad Balsler, Serdar Durmusoglu, Lee Dixon, Heidi Gauder, Linda Hartley (*ex officio*), Sawyer Hunley, Fred Jenkins (*ex officio*), John White

**Excused:** John Goebel, Keigo Hirakawa, Terence Lau (*ex officio*), Danielle Poe, Scott Segalewitz (*ex officio*), Bill Trollinger, Shuang-Ye Wu

**Guests:** Natalie Hudson, Heather Parsons, Teri Thompson, Joe Valenzano, Kelly Vibber

### **I. Course Reviews**

#### **1) POL 340: Gender, Women's Rights and Global Politics**

##### **A. Course Proposal Information:**

1. Proposer: Natalie Hudson was present.
2. Components: Crossing Boundaries-Integrative, Diversity and Social Justice
3. Student Learning Outcomes: Scholarship (expanded), Diversity (expanded), Critical Evaluation of Our Times (expanded)

##### **B. Discussion:**

1. The committee did not have any questions or comments about the course proposal.

##### **C. Committee's Actions:**

1. Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the course proposal as written. There was no further discussion.
2. Vote: 6-0-0 (in favor-against-abstention).

#### **2) CMM 420: Communication & Conflict Management**

##### **A. Course Proposal Information:**

1. Proposer: Teri Thompson was present, as well as department chair Joe Valenzano and director of advising Heather Parsons.
2. Component: Crossing Boundaries-Practical Ethical Action
3. Student Learning Outcomes: Community (advanced), Practical Wisdom (expanded)

##### **B. Discussion:**

1. It was commented that the proposal was well developed and the course is an excellent example for the Crossing Boundaries-Practical Ethical Action component.
2. The course is being offered this semester, though it does not reflect how it has been restructured in alignment with CAP (e.g., emphasis on forgiveness). The restructured course will first be offered next fall. The emphasis on forgiveness is a fairly new area of study within social sciences but a growing body of research is available to incorporate in the class. The course has been popular with SBA students and it should still be relevant to them with the revisions. It was noted that departments have had the opportunity to make curricular updates and improve courses under CAP.

##### **C. Committee's Actions:**

1. Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the course proposal as written. There was no further discussion before the vote.
2. Vote: 6-0-0 (in favor-against-abstention).
3. Further discussion:
  - a. It was noted that CMM 420 will be required for majors in the Communication Management concentration. It will be an elective for majors in other concentrations.
  - b. With the department's agreement, an administrative decision was made to change the course's pre-requisites. It's generally understood that students will complete the Humanities Commons before taking a course like this. For simplicity, the pre-requisites will be changed to CMM 100 (already there) and sophomore status. Assistant Provost Sawyer Hunley will make the revision in CIM on behalf of the proposer.

### 3) CMM 464: International Public Relations

#### A. Course Proposal Information:

1. Proposer: Kelly Vibber was present, as well as department chair Joe Valenzano and director of advising Heather Parsons.
2. Component: Diversity and Social Justice
3. Student Learning Outcomes: Scholarship (expanded), Diversity (expanded)

#### B. Discussion:

1. The committee noted that the course may not have as much draw with a single CAP component. In response, the department indicated that mostly Communication majors have taken the course and it has always been fully enrolled. The department has around 200 students in the Public Relations concentration and those students often look for this type of elective. The department will proceed with offering the course with one component (Diversity and Social Justice) and consider after a couple of years whether it would lend itself to adding other components. Initial thoughts about adding the Crossing Boundaries-Integrative component were raised. It would be a challenge to integrate other disciplinary perspectives on a consistent basis because it would depend on the course topics that are covered in any given semester.

#### C. Committee's Actions:

1. Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the course proposal as written. There was no further discussion.
2. Vote: 6-0-0 (for-against-abstention).

## II. Announcement: Upcoming Meetings

- A. April 3: There won't be any course reviews. The committee will be notified the week before whether or not the meeting will take place.
- B. April 10: The committee will have twelve course reviews.
- C. April 17: The committee will not meet due to Easter break.
- D. April 24: The committee will have six course reviews.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Judy Owen